St Stephen's Catholic College

St Stephen's News

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Congratulations to Joshua Snell, Alannah Falvo and Sage Stevens from year seven (photo left), who competed at the final of the Spelling Bee on the weekend, narrowly missing out on first prize. We also commend our Readers Cup competitors for reaching the top ten. Year eight students included Maya Freeman, Sophie Schrale, Sara Donovan, Dinithi Heenkenda (bottom right), while the year seven students were Grace Wilson, Angus Ford, Michala Thomson and Joshua Snell (top right).

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday 22 and Friday 23 June St Stephen's Athletics Carnival

Monday 10 July Term 3 commences

Thursday 13 July Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 19 July Year 11 and 12 Modern History Excursion

Friday 21 July Cairns Show Holiday

Monday 24 July Student Free Day

Monday 24 July to Friday 28 July Catholic Education Week

Thursday 27 July Subject Selection Evening

Thursday 27 and Friday 28 July 10-12 Years District Athletics Carnival

Monday 11 to Thursday 14 September Year 10 Work Experience

CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H) Room: S5 - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at Recess 2 and Thursday morning before school. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Second-hand uniforms donations are greatly appreciated. Please leave at Student Services. \$10.00 second-hand jumpers available.

TERM DATES 2017

Term 2 : 18 April - 23 June Term 3 : 10 July - 15 September Term 4 : 3 October - 24 November Year 12 - 17 November

ENROL NOW FOR 2018

All new students must have an enrolment interview. This includes those who already have siblings attending St Stephen's Catholic College. Contact the office for more information. Phone: 4086 2523

ABSENTEE E-MAIL

If your child is absent, please email absentee@sscc.qld.edu.au

COLLECTION OF STUDENTS BY PARENTS Please note - collection of student by parents during the school day:

- Parents are to report to reception
- Students are to report to student services
- Students sign out before meeting parents at entrance to reception.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

Please inform the college if your child has achieved success in an extra-curricular activity not directly related to school, so that the college community can celebrate these achievements.

Please email Mrs Pinese (principal@sscc.qld. edu.au) with any information and photos.

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS?

To ensure communication is received, please advise the college if you have changed your email address. Please email the office office@sscc.qld.edu.au or phone 4086 2500.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Friends of St Stephen's

"The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part; the essential thing in life is not conquering but fighting well." Pierre de Coubertin



The sentiments expressed in the above quote can be readily applied to the school context. Over the past week, our students have been put to the test completing assessment tasks, taking part in "Spelling Bees" and "Readers Cup" at an interschool level and preparing to compete on the sporting field at the college's athletics carnival.

Congratulations are extended to the year seven team of great spellers who made it to the finals and to the Readers Cup competitors who were placed in the top ten. Our unsung heroes are also the students who conscientiously prepared for their tests and achieved their personal best. The college community is especially proud of one of our College Captains, Matthew Cheesman, who has been awarded a Pierre de Coubertin Award for demonstrating the spirit of the Olympic movement in his interactions with all with whom he comes into contact. On 8 July, Matthew will receive his award at a ceremony in Brisbane and I am delighted to be joining his family, as a representative of our college, on this significant occasion. The qualities of solidarity, fair play and respect embodied in the Olympic spirit are as important in the educational field as they are in the sporting arena. It is particularly refreshing to witness many of our year seven students modelling these qualities in academic, sporting and cultural contexts. They have an infectious enthusiasm for all that St Stephen's has to offer and are shining in many areas of school life.

The opportunity to take part and fight well in a sporting atmosphere will occur on this Thursday afternoon and Friday when the mighty Pastoral Houses of Augustine, Deacon, McAuley and Muluridji vie for the title of champion house. All students are invited to participate in a variety of settings—as elite athletes or to have fun and work co-operatively for their team. It is certainly a great way to end what has been a busy and productive term of hard work. I expect all students to attend and play a part in giving back to their pastoral house. It is the culture that we promote at our college and I thank all parents for honouring this expectation and welcome them to be part of our carnival.

I sincerely thank all staff, students and families for their support of our college and their contribution to the enhancement of our culture this term. Best wishes to students and staff for a relaxing break and quality time with loved ones. I look forward to working with you all in term three.

With Trust in the Lord

Mrs Ida Pinese | Principal principal@sscc.qld.edu.au



"People are the primary artisans of their own development, the first in charge!" Pope Francis

Congratulations to Taylah Phelan

Taylah Phelan (year eleven) was baptised and confirmed at the St Stephen's Catholic College Chapel on Sunday 18 June. We wish Taylah all the best as she continues her faith journey and we also continue to pray for her, Amelia Dunn, Rhett Pritchard and Coleman Doyle, as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.

Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week (CEW) is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in Queensland to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos. Coordinated by the Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC), it is held in week three of term three every year.

For the first time, the official State Launch of CEW will be held outside Brisbane. The State Launch of CEW 2017 will be hosted by the Cairns Diocese, at St Andrew's Catholic College, Redlynch on Wednesday 26 July 2017 at 10.30 am. Parents and friends of St Stephen's Catholic College are invited to attend and an invitation in included in this newsletter. Our College Liturgy Band will assist with music at this Mass. St Stephen's Catholic College will also mark Catholic Education Week by sending student representatives to our Deanery Mass at St Thomas' on Friday 28 July and with visits from the National Evangelisation Team who will run retreat days for our year eight and year nine students. A special college assembly will also be held on Tuesday 25 July. More information will follow.

Poster Competition

Students are invited to submit entries in a poster competition to mark the 25th Anniversary of the Mabo Native Title Decision and the 50th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum. Posters should capture the theme of 'Reconciliation' and entries are due to Mrs Hall by Friday 14 July. There are great prizes, including ITunes vouchers, up for grabs. Please see Mrs Gilbert or Mrs Hall for further information.

Mrs Laura Gilbert

Assistant Principal Religious Education Igilbert1@sscc.qld.edu.au





RSVP essential by Friday 7th July Ph Priscilla O'Brien 4050 9712 pobrien@cns.catholic.edu.au



End of Term Two

As we draw to the end of another term, I am reminded of the community that surrounds our students, starting with and most importantly, yourselves as supportive and caring parents. It is our privilege to partner with you in the education of your children.

The race that our students are in can be likened to a marathon, and as parents, you feel that just as much as your children. Our students in the last few weeks have been challenged to finish strong and have been reminded of the analogy, that just as in a marathon anyone can start the race, it is in the finishing that we celebrate. So, we celebrate another term of vigorous work and dedication of our students.

With academic reports being finalised and on their way to homes, it is important to remember that we are in the business of developing, not only independent lifelong learners with a passion for learning, but just as importantly, students who are morally autonomous, respectful and responsible. Congratulations to our parents and students. I trust you have a well-earned break.

Pastoral Challenge

So many times in a single day, we are given the chance to share the love of God, but often we are so afraid of what others may think that we put it aside. We let our thoughts get in the way of actions.

Sometimes we just have to break out of our shell and let others know the greatness of God. When given the chance, let others know that someone cares. Share the love of Christ today with someone in our community.

Pastoral Challenge - What action are we called to take? Jesus challenged his disciples with a commission, kind of like a job assignment. Jesus' Great Commission is our calling too. The message of God's love and forgiveness is for people of all nations. But we don't have to travel far – our jobs starts right at our front door with our friends, families, and neighbours and school community. The job requirements? Someone who's willing to speak up about God's incredible love. A woman saw a little girl in the street playing with rubbish. The child was poorly dressed and ill-nourished. The woman became angry and said to God, 'Why do you let a thing like that happen in the world you created? Why don't you do something about it?' God replied, 'I did something about it – I sent you'.



Uniform - Athletics Carnival

A reminder that full sports uniform is to be worn this Thursday 22 and Friday 23 June, for Athletics Carnival. No senior shirts to be worn on either day.

Reminder regarding Mobile Phones (as per Student Record Book)

"Mobile phones are to be stored in lockers and switched off. The college will contact parents, on a student's behalf, if a call needs to be made during the school day. Similarly, messages for students may be left at the office. Mobile phones will be confiscated and retained in safe keeping in the office for a week, if found being used or carried at school".

Mr Matthew Draper College Leader Pastoral Care mdraper@sscc.qld.edu.au

NEW ZEALAND INFORMATION NIGHT

Parents and students are invited to attend an information night for the proposed New Zealand Ski Trip in 2018.

Tuesday 25 July 2017 5.30 pm in S Block (Year eleven and twelve students only for 2018)

Dear Parents and Carers

I have some exciting news to share with you in the world of digital learning. At present, staff are actively engaged in using digital technology in the classroom from a wide range of services such as Google Docs, Office 365, Kahoot and many more. While these initiatives are providing opportunities for students to engage and reflect on their learning, it can be challenging to learn new software and web services (even for staff and parents!).



This is why St Stephen's Catholic College is proud to announce that we will be trialing a new

digital learning space in terms three and four. The new system will allow staff to organise their learning materials and experiences in one place and for the students to have a single site to go to for all their digital learning needs. Unlike the current system, this site will be accessible 24/7 and allow several tools that were previously unavailable, such as quick communication between student and teacher, (and eventually parent and teacher), monitoring of assessment pieces and richer learning experiences for students. I am extremely excited to see where this initiative takes us and encourage you to browse with your child as they engage with their next journey in digital learning.

Students can access the new space via the St Stephen's website under the 'Links' menu.

I look forward to a new era of digital learning and collaboration as we push forward into 21st century learning at St Stephen's.

Mr Richard Baker Middle Leader Curriculum - E-Learning rbaker@sscc.qld.edu.au

YEAR 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY



Year ten students with cakes they decorated recently in Food Technology.

PENINSULA BASKETBALL TRIALS



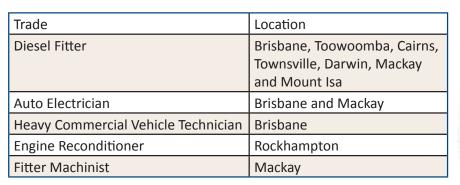
Dinithi Heenkenda, Tonia-Marie Rantucci, Gina Wilson and Naydia Dooley at the basketball trials.



FROM THE CAREERS OFFICER

Hastings Deering Apprenticeship 2017

Hastings Deering is very excited to announce that the 018 Apprenticeship Intake will be open for applications from Monday 17 July 2017. An apprenticeship with Hastings Deering is an opportunity to join over 200 existing apprentices across our network and to learn from the best in the business working with world-class Caterpillar machinery. The following apprenticeships will be offered for commencement in early 2018. For further details, please visit the website: www.hastingsdeering.com.au/apprenticeships, Facebook page www.facebook.com/ hastingsdeering/ or telephone: 1300 071 618.





Applying for Courses through UAC in NSW

Students can apply to the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) for most courses at NSW tertiary institutions. You apply online on the UAC website. Note that the information for entry in 2018 is not yet on this website. Some important points about the 2017/18 UAC application are:

- Applications open 2 August 2017.
- The on-time application due date is 29 September 2017.
- Applicants can list five course preferences on the application.
- UAC has indicated that if Queensland students have results available in time, they may receive an offer before Christmas. Consequently, it is important that you are aware of the UAC offer round dates.
- There will be no major offer round and all preferences will be considered in all offer rounds.
- Some newsagents in Queensland are already selling the UAC Guide 2017-18.

QTAC Updates

Tertiary Pre-requisites 2020 are available on the QTAC website. Each year, QTAC sends these booklets to all year ten students in Queensland. The booklets list the pre-requisites required for entry to tertiary courses in the year the students commence their tertiary studies and will be distributed to schools mid-June. If you are super keen to read the booklet before you receive it at school, you can access it now on the QTAC website http://www.qtac.edu.au/about-qtac/publications. More information for the personal statement required for teaching courses is available at http://www.qtac.edu.au/courses---institutions/initial-teacher-education and now includes details about the categories to be included in the 1000 word personal statement required for entry to teaching courses in 2018. The site includes information about how to submit the statement to QTAC. Queensland ATAR - From 2020, the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) will replace the Overall Position (OP) as the standard pathway to tertiary study for year twleve students. New information about the Queensland ATAR is on the QTAC website, http://www.qtac.edu.au/for-schools/atar-information.

Mrs Havva Murat-Maksuti Careers Officer

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MAREEBA DEBUTANTE BALL



Year eleven and twelve students from St Stephen's Catholic College made their debut at the Debutante Ball held in Mareeba in May. From left to right: Jamie Malcolm, Lia Schincariol, Lauren Brown, Mackenzie Elms, Elena Pilat, Hayley Skinner, Hannah Van Dorssen, Sara Liaver, Tulani Lea'uanae, Emily Ernst, Rhiannon Axford, Nadia Falvo, Sharlene Huiskes and Tarryn Steele.

INDIGENOUS POSTER COMPETITION



Indigenous Poster Competition

25th Anniversary of Mabo Native Title Decision 50th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum

Entries due Friday 14 July 2017 Box located near Mrs Hall's office







Great Prizes to win – iTunes Vouchers. See Mrs Hall or Mrs Gilbert for further details







ST STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE - ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



The Gillies siblings, Rebecca and Shaun graduated from St Stephen's Catholic College in 2010 and 2012 respectively. Shaun received the Cultural Award in 2012 and Rebecca was awarded the College Dux in 2010.





Shaun graduated in 2012 and is now working for Conduit Creative as a Web Architect and Developer. In previous roles, Shaun has held positions as Online Magazine Writer and Open Source Software Developer. In 2015, Shaun travelled through Asia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam.

Rebecca graduated in 2010 and completed her Bachelor of Journalism (with Distinction) in 2013 at QUT in Brisbane and in 2015. After receiving a scholarship, she completed her Masters of Script Writing at the Bath Spa University in the United Kingdom. Rebecca has travelled to Malta, Scotland, Iceland, Greece and Turkey. She is currently employed with Bloomsbury Publishing as their Sales Coordinator.



Meg Donovan graduated as Dux in 2012 with an OP 1. She was accepted into The University of Queensland to study Bachelor of Biomedical Science at the beginning of 2013, focusing on immunology and infectious diseases. In 2016, Meg graduated with First Class Honours, at the top of her cohort, and received a Dean's Commendation for Academic Excellence and was named a UQ Future Leader. Throughout her degree she completed the Advanced Studies Programme in Science, presented research projects at conferences, studied Brazilian Portuguese at the Institute of Modern Languages, joined the UQ Dance Society, completed the UQ Advantage Award, and met and worked with many incredible people including Professor Ian Frazer. Meg has just embarked upon her journey as a PhD student at the UQ Diamantina Institute, working on Tuberculosis research.

PENINSULA REPRESENTATIVES - ST STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Ty Simmons 10-12 years Basketball



Madina Williamson 10-12 years Soccer



Isabella Anning 13-16 years Australian Football



Ely Lynch-Simmons 16-18 years Basketball Player's Player Award



Brandon Osborne 16-18 years Basketball Shadow and 19 years and under Soccer Shadow



Layton Osborne 16-18 years Basketball Shadow and 19 years and under Soccer Shadow



Kyle BIng Chew 19 years and under Cricket



Tonia-Marie Rantucci 15 years and under Soccer Shadow and 13 years Cross Country



Chloe Taylor 15 years and under Soccer Shadow



Rommany Soley 19 years and under Soccer Shadow



Thomas Hallam 19 years and under Golf



Darcy Hall 19 years and under Golf Shadow

PENINSULA REPRESENTATIVES - ST STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE



Jenna Kerswell 13-15 years Netball



Hunter Liebold 18 years and under Rugby Union Shadow



Rhyanna Yow-Yeh 13-15 years Netball



Nadia Falvo 13-19 years Swimming



Nicholas Greenwood 14-15 years Rugby Union Shadow



Logan Poggioli 13-15 years Touch Football



Riley Bell 18 years and under Rugby Union Shadow



Moses Hannet-Wade Senior Triathlon 17 years Cross Country



Abby Taylor 12 years Cross Country



Dinithi Heenkenda 13 years Cross Country



Nicholas Fogale 13 years Cross Country



Sara Donovan 13 years Cross Country



Dylan Cappella 16 years Cross Country



Matthew Cheesman 17 years Cross Country

SMITHFIELD - MOUNTAIN BIKE COMPETITION



Congratulation to all students who competed at the Smithfield Mountain Bike Competition. Notable mentions to Travis Cummings and Matthew Crane, both fourth in the SNR division and to Matthew Cheesman, Brandon Green and Neil Alterio, all second in the SNR division.



BILL TURNER CUP



ROUND FOUR - BILL TURNER CUP BOYS - Lost 3-1 to St Augustine's College GIRLS - Lost 8-0 to Cairns State High School

Both games were very even until half time after which a few late goals blew out the scores. Both teams should be congratulated for making it to the Far North Queensland final of the Bill Turner Football competition, considering most students were playing up a few age brackets. Better luck next year! Thank you to Mr Mike Luff and Mr Luch Avolio for coaching the boy's squad, and Mrs Regina Holden and Mrs Rosie Rantucci for coaching the girl's squad.

VICKI WILSON CUP - CAIRNS



Congratulations to both teams from St Stephen's Catholic College, for competing in the Vicki Wilson Netball Cup in Cairns on Tuesday.

INTERHOUSE CARNIVAL - WEEKS 8, 9 AND 10 EVENTS

















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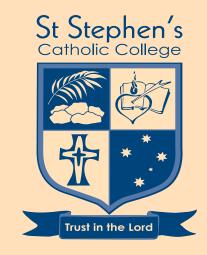




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SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING



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Thursday 27 July 2017

St Stephen's Catholic College McIver Rd Mareeba

Year 8 to 9: 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm Year 10 to 11: 7.00 pm - 8.30 pm



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